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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re original application of:

Applicants : Mark C. Schmidt, et al.
Application Serial No.: 10/042,755
Filing Date: : November 13, 2002
Title: AUTOMATICALLY-ACTIVATED HAND-SUPPORTABLE
MULTI-MODE LASER SCANNING BAR CODE SYMBOL
READING SYSTEM
Examiner : Jared Fureman
Group Art Unit : 2876
Attorney Docket No. : 108-181USA000

Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312(a)

SIR:

Prior to payment of Issue Fee in the present Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 120-126 as follows:

Claims 1-119 (canceled)

Claims 120 (currently amended): An automatically-activated bar code symbol reading device comprising:

(1) a hand-supportable housing having a light transmission aperture wherethrough visible light can exit and enter said hand-supportable housing;

(2) a laser scanning bar code symbol reading engine, disposed within said hand supportable housing, that can be selectively operated in one of first and second scanning modes, wherein during said first scanning mode, said laser scanning bar code symbol reading engine projects an omni-directional laser scanning pattern through said light transmission aperture, for automatically reading one or more bar code symbols on an object during a bar code